

Remarks

This is an amendment after allowance correcting drawing informalities. No new matter is added and no new issues are raised.

In a first official action in this case on August 19, 1997, a notice of draftsperson patent drawing review was provided objecting to clarity of lines and numbers, number height and clarity of photographs of chromatographic gels and photomicrographs. There was also an objection to the use of photographs without a petition. That objection is now moot since 37 CFR1.84b has subsequently been amended permitting photographs for gels and photomicrographs.

Despite this initial objection on August 19, 1997, the objection was never carried forward by the Examiner in at least four subsequent actions by the Examiner, not counting actions related to appeals. It should further be pointed out that the initial objection to the drawings was made prior to amendment of the rules requiring correction of the drawings in response to an outstanding official action.

Nevertheless, it seems appropriate that these old drawing objections should be addressed before payment of the issue fee.

There are no significant changes to the drawings other than improving clarity and number/letter size. In Figures 1 and 2, a helical representation of DNA has been eliminated since it has nothing to do with significant drawing content. This DNA helix was only in the original drawings as pictorial artwork copied from a paper for publication and has relevance in the drawings for the present patent application.

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This amendment was not made earlier since the need therefore was not discovered until final review for issue fee payment.

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